

Orange Library Association (OLA)  
Director's Council Meeting Minutes  
Chester Public Library  
January 23, 2017  
10:00am

Present: Rose-Emma Calabrese – Woodbury, Doris Callan – Pine Bush, Rosemary Cooper - Warwick, Madelyn Folino - Florida, Pamela Hawks - Cornwall, Maureen Jagos - Chester, Diane Loomis - Tuxedo, Marilyn McIntosh - Monroe, Ginny Neidermier - Walden, Matt Pfisterer- Middletown, Catina Strauss - Monroe, Patty Sussmann - Newburgh, Chuck Thomas – Newburgh.

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am by Patty Sussmann.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2017 General Meeting by Marilyn McIntosh, seconded by Catina Strauss, and unanimously approved.
- II. **Treasurer's Report:** Those in attendance reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Ginny Neidermier stated she has submitted the 2<sup>nd</sup> report to Orange County Planning Department. A motion was made by Rosemary Cooper to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Madelyn Folino, and unanimously approved.
- III. **President's Report:** Patty Sussmann distributed the OLA Officers' list and Committees list. She is asking for people to serve where there are empty slots. A question was raised on the purpose of the Legislative committee: it requires showing up for budget hearings and various association meetings throughout the year. The following committee assignments were made.

Bylaws: Beth Zambito and Marilyn McIntosh  
Finance: Ginny Neidermier and Jill Cronin  
Legislative: Ginny Neidermier and Maureen Jagos  
Membership: Catina Strauss/available  
Nominating: Rosaleen Leahy /available  
Program/Publicity: Ginny O'Neill and Patty Sussmann  
Web: Bonnie Mayefsky and Pamela Hawks

There is an Orange County “Meet & Greet Take Two” scheduled for March 15 in Goshen (hosted by the county). Several county agencies will present what they have to offer. Libraries can benefit from attending and connecting with agencies in Orange County.

This year, OLA would like to work on jazzing up the website and the OLA brochure. Patty and Pam will discuss changes for the website. Marilyn McIntosh will ask Alex Carver to help work on the brochure with Pamela Hawks. The Rockland brochure was shared and passed on to be used as a template.

#### **IV. New Business**

##### **1) Events:**

Friends of the Library event co-sponsored with RCLS: Randy has asked OLA to help with Friends event in May to be held at Thrall Library (Randy is hoping to have Polly-Alida Farrington as the presenter). Patty will look into the possibility of following up with an event the next day for staff.

Fake news program: RCLS is holding an event on fake news in March, so OLA will plan a different topic for our CE credit program.

Program on Confidentiality and Intellectual Freedom: Beth Zambito reported to Patty on a good program she attended at NYLA and Patty will follow-up for a possible program in April.

##### Possible Read Programs:

- A county-wide read in the fall was discussed (this would be smaller than a BIG READ).
- Diane Loomis will try to arrange for an author event that could be county-wide.
- Using the theme of Summer Reading (“Build a Better World”) and combining it with an Amazing Orange scavenger hunt centered on historical buildings.

##### **2) Number of Director’s Meetings:** Patty asked if the Directors need to meet more often without the OLA executive committee. If Diane Loomis calls a meeting, it can be considered a Director’s Council meeting without the full Executive Committee present. Marilyn and Rosemary felt that bringing in other people made OLA more robust. There was a short discussion on whether Directors need their own meetings. The prevailing attitude is that non-exclusive meetings are

better. The Directors in attendance want other staff to be aware of what is going on.

- 3) **MEDIA L-type:** There was a discussion on the changeover of the MEDIA L-type to O-type and that some libraries are not complying. After much discussion it was agreed that is that the ANSER Executive Committee should go back to the consortium and inform them that there was a discussion at the OLA Director's Council meeting on how to handle those in violation of the consortium vote. Perhaps consortia by-laws need to be revised?
  - 4) **Overdrive:** Patty Sussmann reported on a problem with holds through Overdrive. Holds are almost exceeding checkouts, which is becoming a problem. System Services should be made aware of the issues. Rosemary or Chuck will contact Gretchen Bell to add to the next System Services meeting.
  - 5) **Boopsie app upgrade:** Chuck Thomas reported that this hasn't happened. If libraries are interested in having the Wallet feature added, there is a charge.
  - 6) **Warwick Children's book festival:** Rosemary Cooper made an announcement about this outdoor event to be scheduled over the Columbus Day weekend. OLA has been involved with this event in the past, and is welcome to participate. Rosemary reports that the event is typically well attended and successful.
  - 7) **Membership forms:** OLA membership forms were handed out to Directors. Please distribute and return.
  - 8) **Lobby Day:** Patty thought contributing to lobby day would be a good idea. OLA could chip in money to contribute to the cost of the buses. A motion made by Chuck Thomas to allocate \$250.00 to the buses for lobby day; Marilyn McIntosh seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.
- V. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Chuck Thomas at 11:10am, seconded by Rosemary Cooper and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Hawks